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A PLAYER'S WAGER INCREASES
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, and the personal interview courteously granted by the Examiner to Applicant and Applicant's representative on October 22, 2002, please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a Progressive slot machines contain jackpots that increase every time a player plays the slot machine. A linked progressive includes two or more slot machines connected to a common jackpot, each of which individually contribute to the jackpot. An individual progressive slot machine has a self-contained jackpot, wherein the jackpot grows with every play. The machines usually take a percentage of the player's bet such as 10%, and add it to the jackpot. The jackpots can reach sizeable amounts, e.g., \$1 million, before a player "hits" or wins the jackpot. Such sizeable jackpots become very attractive to players. Furthermore, as the jackpot grows, so does overall payout percentage of the game.

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